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Arkansas — Fair today with increasing cloudiness tonight, Sunday, Warmer Sunday afternoon. High today upper 50s. Low in night, near 30.

Will Legalize Wiretapping Says Ferguson

WASHINGTON — Chairman Ferguson of the Senate Judiciary Committee predicted today Congress will legalize the use of spy trials of evidence obtained by telephone wiretapping.

A proper bill can be worked out and passed protecting both the inalienable rights of citizens and the welfare of the nation," the Michigan senator said in an interview.

Sen. Potter (R-Mich.) also said he thinks such law will be enacted, but Sen. McCarran of Nevada, senior Democratic member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, rated present chances as doubtful.

Atty. Gen. Brownell has announced he plans to ask Congress to permit the use of such evidence in trials under certain conditions. The idea reportedly was discussed during President Eisenhower's conferences with Republican Congress leaders at the White House last week.

Federal law does not prohibit wire tapping by federal officers but it does forbid the use of such evidence in a trial court. The rule has been interpreted to block the use of evidence uncovered as the result of "leaks" produced by wiretapping.

The issue is highly controversial. It has been before Congress before, but Ferguson said he thinks this time "the administration and Congress can work out a bill keeping in mind our historical background" that would satisfy most opponents of the idea.

Ferguson declined to say when the administration might propose along that line, but he emphasized that he was expressing only his views as a senator and former judge.

The courts, he said, now allow search and seizure practices to obtain evidence from private premises. As "the guardians of constitutional institutions," he said, it is the courts which also should determine when wire tapping to uncover crimes against the nation's security should be permitted.

Presumably, he was referring to the suggestion often-made that federal officers be allowed to introduce such evidence only if they first get a U.S. court's permission to tap the lines.

McCarran, in a separate interview, spoke much less confidently of prospects for approval of such a bill. He is an advocate of limited use of wiretapping to convict subversives. He indicated that he has very definite views on what safeguards would be necessary and will discuss them only when and if the matter comes before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Democrats to Attack Shock Plan

D—DEMOCRATS ATTACK

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Democrats stepped up their attack today on the administration's so-called "shock" campaign to win quick approval of the long-sought European army plan.

Sen. Guy Gillette (D-Ill.) assailed Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for bluntly warning Europe that the United States would renounce its foreign policy if the project is not ratified soon.

"I see no justification whatsoever," he said, "for using the promise or threat of increasing or withholding foreign aid as a club held over the heads of our allies to compel approval of an unratified policy."

Gillette said that as far as the Democratic party is concerned "We will continue to regard America's ability and the needs of other nations as the determining factors in voting for foreign aid in the next Congress."

Drake Star Asked To Fix Game

DES MOINES, Ia. — Bumby star Drake University basketball forward who said he was approached to "fix" the score of the recent Drake-Iowa State game, also spoke for a teammate when he also spoke for an attempted bride were disclosed yesterday.

Bumby was approached by a young man who mentioned \$500 one time and \$500 another time. The St. Louis senior said the man wanted Drake to lose the game, played last Tuesday night, by at least eight points, preferably by 10.

Bumby said he told the man "no dice" and when the man mentioned Willis Cerr, Drake's sophomore center from Los Angeles, he told him, "I don't think Cerr will do anything like that."

Terry Moore Now to Stay in Korea

U.S. 45th DIVISION, Korea, (AP) — Terry Moore said today she was packed away a controversial and bathing suit "that makes me look like a little Santa Claus" and will continue her 13-day Korean tour for the USO.

The robust young blonde said she had been ordered home by General Murphy, chairman of the Hollywood Committee for the USO, after four shows in the suit. But she added that now "everything is smoothed out."

The last 20 hours have been "mad," said Mrs. Moore, who sings and plays straight girl to dance Johnny Grant in the USO troupe. Until today she wore the bathing suit.

Eisenhower Goes Back to Work Today

AUGUSTA, Ga. — President Eisenhower, refreshed by a merry Christmas with his family, turns today to work on a sheaf of January messages to Congress—and he may squeeze in a round of golf.

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrived by plane from Washington yesterday afternoon after a brief stopover at Ft. Benning, Ga., to pick up their son, Maj. John Eisenhower, his wife Barbara, and the three young Eisenhower grandchildren.

They are Mrs. Eisenhower's mother, Mrs. John S. Doud, assembled around the Christmas tree last night at the Little White House at the Augusta Golf Club.

The President was in a happy mood and the first lady asked him to tell newsmen what he had told her Christmas morning before leaving Washington.

"I said," Eisenhower laughed, "that I was not going to be mad at anyone today. I was so happy to get away."

The President remarked that the last month has been a particularly grueling one for him. In it were crowded such events as the Bermuda Big Three conference, his atomic pool speech to the United Nations, and a series of conferences with Republican Congressional leaders on the administration's 1954 legislative program.

On the president's work docket is the drafting of three messages to Congress. The first is the State of the Union message, which he will deliver in person Jan. 7, 1954, after the legislators convene. Budget and economic messages will go to the Capitol a few days later.

Also to be put together here is the television and radio report he will make to the nation Jan. 4 on the administration program thus far. He also will outline future goals.

Eisenhower was accompanied from Washington by only a small White House staff, but other aides and perhaps some members of his Cabinet will join him in a few days.

The scene last night at Eisenhower cottage recently completed at the golf club was typical of the Christmas scene in thousands of other American homes.

In the center of the spacious living room was a gaily decorated Christmas tree. Beneath it were the family gifts, several of them still unopened.

And as everywhere where there are youngsters on Christmas, Eisenhower grandchildren got most of the attention.

Five-year-old David had a wonderful time showing his grandfather a new set of shiny junior size golf clubs. The President remarked that David's game was not all that could be expected, but predicted it would improve.

Four-year-old Barbara Anne and two-year-old Susan spent most of the time admiring new dolls while David chatted with his grandfather. —he calls the President Ike-about golf.

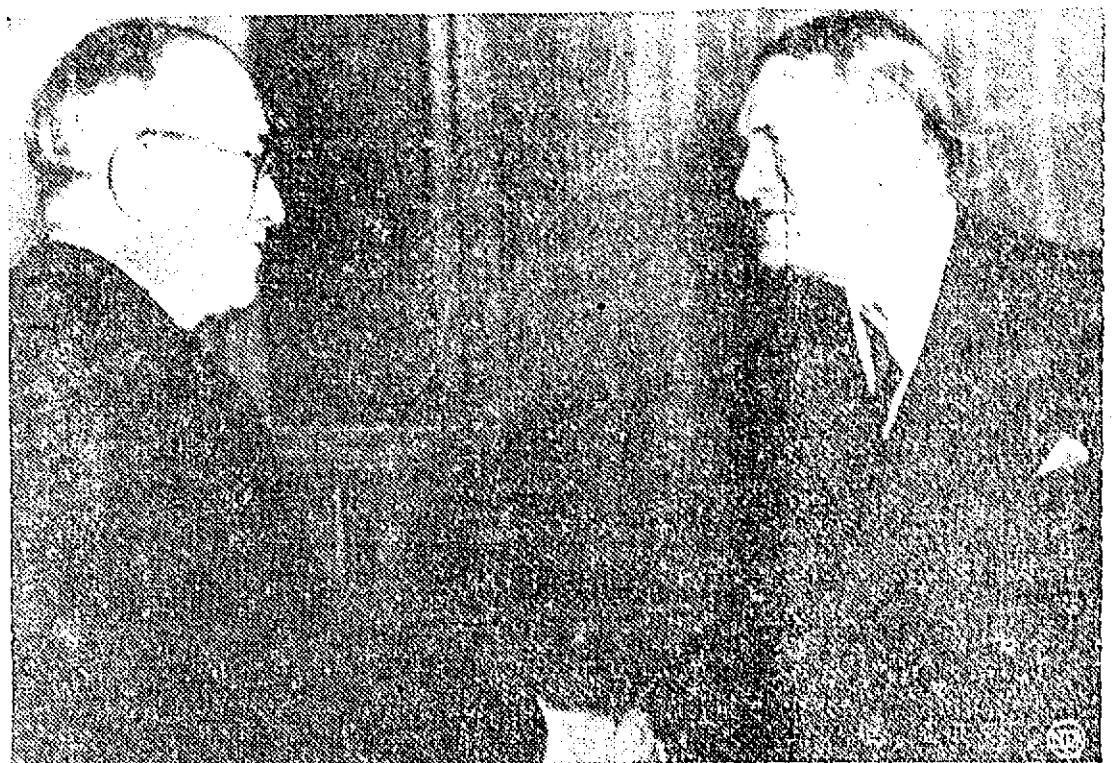
U.S. Finds Way to "Denature" Materials

PARIS, (UP) — The newspaper Paris-Press says American atomic scientists have discovered a way to "denature" plutonium and other atomic materials so they can be used for civilian purposes but never for weapons.

The newspaper, which gave its source for its report, declared yesterday this development was behind President Eisenhower's recent proposal that the United States, Russia and other nations contribute to an international pool of atomic material for peaceful uses.

In Washington, a spokesman for the Atomic Energy Commission said he had no comment on the report.

Paris-Press, one of France's leading afternoon papers, said the United States was prepared to give other countries, including Russia, its secret for taking the lethal kick out of atomic bomb materials. The process, it was claimed, would eliminate fears that contributions to the American-proposed world "nuclear bank" could be used for war.



16TH PRESIDENT — Conservative Senate Vice President, Rene Coty (R), is congratulated by his predecessor, Vincent Auriol, after the former's election of 16th President of France on the 13th ballot in Versailles. — NET Telephoto

Man Shot to Death in Domestic Fued

SUMMIT, (UP) — Earl Johnson, 31, was shot to death and Marion County officers were holding Joe J. Williams, 25, here today.

The shooting with a 16-gauge shotgun took place late Christmas afternoon in front of a cafe. Coroner Tank Rea said the two men had engaged in a domestic feud for more than a year. He said Johnson drove up to a cafe, and Williams ordered him out of the car. As Johnson got up, Rea said, Williams shot him with the shotgun from a distance of 30 feet and sending 125 pellets into the body of the victim.

Rea said Williams then held a crowd of people at bay for an hour until officers arrived. He gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff A. V. Melton.

Rea said he found a .22 automatic rifle on the floor of Johnson's car but that it was not loaded. Rea held an inquest at the scene, and concluded that Williams shot Johnson.

The shooting occurred at 4:10 p.m. Williams told Rea he had gone to the home of a girl friend and stolen the shotgun.

Williams lives five miles south of Yellville on Skyline Drive.

Spellman Visits 3,300 GI's in Korea

U.S. 40th DIVISION, Korea, (AP) — Francis Cardinal Spellman flew across snow-covered mountains today to visit more than 3,300 men.

He stood bareheaded before a 500 men and officers who met him at the division airstrip, including Gen. Thomas F. Hickey, the 40th Div. commander, Maj. Gen. Ridge-Lt. Col. William B. Sharp.

The 160th regimental command, Bradenton, Pa., former West's host at a noon meal at his regiment.

New York talked to more than 2,000 at the 160th Rgt. theater.

The cardinal told the men that they should try "to be worthy of them and their heavenly mother, Mary."

Cardinal Spellman then conferred with George Schumaker, Sioux City, Iowa, and Capt. Robert Feeney, Scranton, Pa.

The church leader then traveled to the 24th Rgt. where he was in Manhattan, N. Y.

About 800 men heard the cardinal say: "American soldiers have learned in any other way what America means to me."

McHan, Spain in Blue-Gray Game Today

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Unless the stars are wrong today, the 15th annual Blue-Gray football championship looks like another wide spread.

As usual, the experts are picking the South, but they've got their fingers crossed.

The South leads the series 10-4. Coach Rip Engle of Penn State, the Yanks' head man, has rounded up one of the best balanced squads ever to represent the North.

The unusual quota of professional scouts were on hand to look the all-stars over as prospects for the pro draft next year.

They'll be watching such players as the Rebels' passing whiz kids Jackie Parker of Mississippi State, Don Ellis of Texas A. M., and Lamar McHan of Arkansas.

McHan and his Arkansas teammate, Tackle Harold Spain, were probable South starters.



KOREAN CHRISTMAS — Pfc. David Welch, Endicott, N. Y., shares his Christmas package with his KATUSA (Korean Augmentation to US Army) buddy, Pfc. St. Jean. Having shared the hardships of Korea together, Welch feels that it is only fair that he share the sweeter moments of life with his friend. — NEA Telephoto

Once Upon a Time There Was a Perfect Christmas Everybody Got Just What They Wanted

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (UP) — Once upon a time there was a perfect Christmas.

Everybody in America got exactly the presents he wanted—every man, every woman, every child. And every present was just the right size.

Peace lapped the land in an invisible tide of love. The children behaved. Each mother-in-law felt as welcome as a queen. Papa and Mama found nothing to quarrel about.

In Louisville a man gave his wife a canary and when she said the bird would never be able to sing the canary promptly warbled "Merry Old Kentucky Home."

Old Kentucky Home, the event that century saluted three times with his wing and boomed in its bell-rings, "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You."

Every mouse got free cheese, every dog a bone, every cat a nip of catnip.

No housewife burned the turkey. Everybody in every family got to the dinner table on time. Everybody ate until he was full, but nobody ate too much. There wasn't an aspirin or sodium bicarbonate bottle opened all day from Maine to California.

Nobody drank more than he should. Well, yes, one fellow did—an old hermit in the creaks. But that's the way he wanted to spend Christmas, because he enjoyed hangovers all by himself. As a matter of fact, that was why he had decided to become a hermit years before.

There wasn't a traffic jam anywhere in the nation, and whenever anybody looked for a parking space, he found two, and women drivers found three, so they had no trouble parking either. No cars crashed together or left the highway and turned over.

Accident cases there wasn't one. No Christmas tree caught on fire, no child fell and was hurt. Nobody became ill.

No doctor got an emergency call. The drugstores closed early. Business was so dull in the hospitals that the interns spent the day proposing marriage to the nurses, which is just the way most nurses like to have hard-working interns enjoy a rest.

Crime No crime on this Christmas. The pickpockets picked only at a turkey drumstick. The thieves stole only the day off. The bank robbers and outlaws stayed home and read stories to their children. So did the cops.

The weather was just right. It snowed in the ski resorts and everywhere that a child had re-

ceived a bright new sled. The sun shone brightly in Miami and Phoenix, and a snow disappeared in California revealing a city promptly identified as Los Angeles. Where the farmers felt the need of rain, clouds gathered in the sky at dusk.

The politicians played the piano instead of politics. The diplomats maintained a diplomatic silence. The word War was uttered or read by no one in all America from dawn to dusk.

Everybody went to bed early, happy and contented, and enjoyed his best sleep in years. Newspapers went to bed early, too, and the editors, rather uneasy at the strange dearth of holiday disasters, let their reporters also go home early—and my, were the reporters' wives surprised at that!

The next morning the Average American, opening his paper, found the front page completely lacking in catastrophe for the first time in his memory. "There wasn't even a scandal."

"What's in the paper?" asked his wife.

"Nothing," replied the husband. The average American, grinning inwardly, then began going through his handbook, figuring how he would ever pay for his Christmas bills. He found he not only had enough to pay them all—there was enough left over to take the wife and kids on a winter vacation, too.

"Have a nice holiday?" asked the neighbor.

"Yeah, I guess so," said the Average American, and added, "but somehow it didn't seem much like Christmas, did it?"

More it: The trouble with people is that if you give them a real holiday from trouble they don't feel like people.

Arkansas Has Only 2 Deaths On Christmas

By The Associated Press

Arkansas' fatality toll for the seven-day period ending next Sunday midnight stood today at 16, but only two violent deaths were reported on Christmas day.

A three-year-old boy was the first victim of a holiday accident. Marion Lee Johnson perished when flames destroyed his home at Thorburn, a village in Perry County, early Christmas morning.

W. H. Johnson, father of the dead child, suffered serious burns in an unsuccessful attempt to pull the boy from the flaming house. The mother suffered minor burns, but the couple's five other children fled to safety.

Death Toll in Four Countries 362 Persons

By The Associated Press

Four countries around the world counted a death toll of possibly 362 persons today as a result of Christmas Eve train wrecks.

Two of the rail disasters—in New Zealand and Czechoslovakia—were among the worst in history. The other accidents were reported 160 lives were lost when a speed-160 train crashed into a bridge.

In New Zealand, an estimated 160 lives were lost when a passenger train plunged into a river gorge Thursday night after a bridge had washed out 250 miles south of the capital. The catastrophe cast gloom over the little country at the time it was entertaining Queen Elizabeth on her Commonwealth tour.

The Bratislava—Prague express in Czechoslovakia smashed into another passenger train near Slavice, killing from 100 to 160 persons according to unofficial local reports from the Iron Curtain country. The wreck, also on Christmas Eve, may have been the third worst train crash in history.

A heavily loaded one train jumped the tracks on an Andes Mountain grade 12 miles from Lima, Peru, and six crewmen were killed. The seventh man seen hoisted injured.

Another freight train derailment in Pakistan took the lives of four crewmen. This accident occurred yesterday about 20 miles from Quetta in the Western part of the country.

In Auckland, Queen Elizabeth, broadcasting her annual Yuletide message to nations of the Commonwealth around the world, paused to express her sympathy to the families of the New Zealand wreck victims. The young monarch's voice wavered as he spoke of the grave disaster.

New Zealand Prime Minister Sydney Holland rushed to the scene of the accident on Mt. Ruapehu as soon as he was notified early yesterday. Internal Affairs Minister W. A. Bocklin was appointed minister in attendance to the Queen, and it was announced that the schedule of her royal tour would not be altered.

The engine and five cars of the train, which was traveling about 50 miles an hour, shot into the swollen Wanganui River shortly after floods had swept away a section of the railway bridge. Another car tumbled on the brink a few moments and then toppled into the flood.

A rescue organization was set up within a few minutes but 135 of the 267 persons on the train were still unaccounted for and there was little hope they would be found. The known dead numbered 31.

The government-controlled press in Communist Czechoslovakia released little news of the accident in that country, and Western newspapers did not operate there. An early announcement over Radio Prague said only that "many persons were killed or injured."

A telephone operator at Brno told The Associated Press in Vienna she overheard Czech officials place the death toll at 185.

Mexican Town Mourns Death of 23 Persons

TOLUCA, Mexico (AP) — The 12th Mexican town mourned today for 23 friends and neighbors killed in a panicky stampede after a Christmas Mass in the local church.

Some 200 other worshippers were injured in the rush for the doors.

The tragedy was touched off by a failure of the church's electric lights. Many of the 3,000 faithful jammed in for the midnight Mass early yesterday were country people unused to electric lights.

The parish priest, the Rev. Jose Cruz, said he tried vainly to quell the panic-stricken crowd pushing toward the churches' two doors.

"Mass was just finished," he said, "and the congregation was leaving the church. Somebody stepped on a wire laying on the floor. There was a flicker and the lights went out. They rushed for the doors."

The loudspeaker system has its own entanglements and was still turned on. "I told them there was no danger and to go out in an orderly manner. But they didn't pay any attention. We couldn't see much by the light of the candles on the altar and around the shrine."

"Then when the lights came on again, there was nobody in the church but me and the victim. I went around and administered the last sacraments to them. There was nothing else I could do."

Bodies of the victims, who included a 2-month-old baby girl, were brought here from nearby Temoaya for burial. Most of them apparently died of asphyxiation but autopsies will be held.

Warm Weather Over Weekend

By The Associated Press

Fair skies and mild temperatures, bring welcome relief from a cold wave, are forecast for Arkansas over the weekend.

The mercury started its climb from sub-freezing levels Christmas day, and the U. S. Weather Bureau at Little Rock said the temperature would hit a high of 60 degrees today.

However, severe cold still shows up when the sun goes down. Low readings ranging from 20 to 25 degrees were recorded last night.

Little Rock posted the Christmas day high reading of 34 degrees, with Texarkana's 53 ranking second. Other highs included 41 at Dothan, 32 at Elgin and Pine Bluff, 30 at Fort Smith, Fayetteville and Walnut Ridge 43.

There was no precipitation to mar the holiday in Arkansas. The Weather Bureau says neither rain nor snow is expected in the state before Monday.

French Forces Evacuate Town of Thakhek

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — The French High Command announced today that French Union forces have evacuated the town of Thakhek, on the Mekong River border with Thailand, in the face of a Communist-led Vietnamese drive aimed at cutting Indochina in two.

An official communique said the withdrawal was made to pull as many French forces together as possible to meet the rebel thrust across Indochina's narrow waist from the coast to the Thailand border. It said Vietnamese troops already have reached within 32 miles of Thakhek.

The announcement came shortly after a French spokesman said supplies and reinforcements were being rushed to the threatened area where strong Vietnamese forces were advancing in several columns through sparsely inhabited mountainous country.

The deaths this year have averaged about 102 every 24 hours. In a recent sample pre-holiday survey for a 76-hour weekend period, there were 310 traffic deaths—20 under the council's estimate—this weekend.

The deaths by states (traffic, fire and miscellaneous): Alabama 3 0 0; Arizona 2 0 0; Arkansas 1 0 0; California 23 0 2; Colorado 1 0 0; Connecticut 2 0 0; Delaware 2 0 0; Florida 5 0 0; Georgia 2 0 0; Hawaii 0 0 0; Illinois 5 0 0; Indiana 5 0 0; Iowa 0 0 0; Kentucky 11 0 0;

Louisiana 1 0 1; Maryland 6 3 0; Massachusetts 6 3 0; Michigan 11 5 0; Minnesota 4 0 0; Mississippi 3 0 0; Missouri 1 0 0; Montana 1 0 0; Nebraska 1 0 0; New Jersey 12 0 0; New Mexico 2 1 0; New York 2 0 0;

North Carolina 0 0 0; Ohio 10 1 2; Oklahoma 2 2 1; Oregon 7 0 0; Pennsylvania 11 1 1; Rhode Island 1 0 0; South Carolina 2 0 0; Tennessee 6 1 1; Texas 11 5 0; Utah 1 0 0; Virginia 1 0 0; Washington 4 0 0; West Virginia 0 0 0; Wisconsin 2 1 0.

Fire Destroys High School in Ashdown

ASHDOWN, (UP) — The Ashdown high school building was destroyed by fire last night at a loss estimated at \$175,000.

Supr. C. D. Franks said the fire to have started from an explosion in the boiler room in the basement about 6 p.m., but it was not discovered until an hour and a half later.

The Texarkana and Ashdown fire departments fought the blaze throughout the night, and prevented one wall from collapsing on two other buildings. Franks said everything the 14 room brick building was destroyed except the band instruments. In addition to classrooms the building, built in 1930, housed a music room and a library.

Franks said plans are being made to resume school after the Christmas holidays by using remaining buildings, churches and even residences.

Ashdown is 22 miles north of Texarkana.

W. C. West, Route 5, Texarkana, Tex., was at the scene when the blaze reached its height. He said it looked like an "inferno." He said he saw one wall collapse.

The consolidated school district serves 415 students.

"I'm so shocked I don't know what to do, but we will try to get along," Franks said.

Lee Shubert Dies in New York

NEW YORK (UP) — Lee Shubert, 78, a magic name on Broadway and a powerful personality through out the theatrical world, died yesterday after a brief illness.

Shubert, president of the Shubert Theatrical Enterprises, entered Mt. Sinai Hospital just four days ago for treatment of a circulatory disturbance.

The hospital attributed his death to "the complete failure of the circulatory system."

Le was one of three brothers—Sam S., who died in 1905, and Jacob J., who survives—who parlayed an obscure bookkeeping business into a theatrical empire once estimated to be worth 400 million dollars.

The three brothers made the theatrical world their life, even as young men in Syracuse, N.Y. When they invaded the Broadway scene they were confronted by the all powerful Klaw and Earl Gerberking agency, known as "The Combination."

Throwing their energy and astuteness into a fight for survival, the Shubert brother eventually smashed the combine and themselves became the top theatrical power in the business.

Holiday Death Toll Is Headed For New Record

By The Associated Press

The nation's traffic death toll appeared headed for a new Christmas holiday record today.

With less than half the long weekend holiday over, 237 persons have been killed in traffic accidents. That is more than in the comparative period during last year's record toll of 556 in the four day Christmas holidays. Last year's total for the first 35 hours was 225.

The nation's violent accidents since 6 p. m. Thursday have taken the lives of 265 persons. In addition to the 237 traffic fatalities, 25 persons perished in fires and 25 others were killed in miscellaneous accidents.

The National Safety Council had estimated 510 persons would be killed in traffic accidents alone during the 76-hour period ending at midnight Sunday.

But Ned H. Dearborn, council president, noting the rising toll during the first 24 hours of the holiday, said:

"Unless motorists put on the brakes, it's going to be the most traffic Christmas in history for traffic accidents."

Fairly pleasant winter weather prevailed over most of the country yesterday and millions of motorists headed for the highways, joy streets in some sections of the Midwest, Rocky Mountain region and the Northeast made driving conditions hazardous, resulting in hundreds of accidents.

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Berean Sunday School Class Has Party

The Berean Sunday School Class of the Unity Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White on Tuesday night, Dec. 22, at 7:30.

The meeting held a Santa Claus with a reindeer, in a corner stood a fully decorated Christmas tree. Other Yuletide decorations were placed at vantage points throughout the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy, Ellen Kennedy, Miss Mattie Jean Atkins and Dean Atkins furnished special music.

The class presented their teacher, Mrs. White, with a gift.

Refreshments were served to 33 members, 6 children and 7 visitors.

Mrs. McDowell Turner Hostess To Kathleen Mallory Circle

The Kathleen Mallory Circle of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. McDowell Turner, at 1001 South Walnut on Tuesday night at 7:30.

Clay Christmas cards were artistically displayed. Santa adorned the door, and a beautiful pine tree completed the Christmas setting.

Instead of exchanging gifts each member gave a donation to the Little Moon Christmas offering.

Mrs. Earl Daily, Circle Counselor, conducted a short business session.

The program was well attended. "The Gift of God's Love." Talk by Mrs. Turner was well received.

Guests on the program were Mrs. Gordon Earl Daily, Alfred Brantley, C. M. Rogers, Jr., McDowell Turner, J. V. Moore, Jr. and Horace Holbrook.

A delicious desert plate with coffee was served to the members and their visitors.

In January, the circle will meet in the home of Mrs. Jewel Moore Jr.

Mrs. Tom Duckett, teacher of Sunday School Class Group II of the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church entertained the class with a Christmas party at her home on West Sixth street, Coshington, Ark., Mrs. David Smith.

A miniature Christmas tree decorated with shiny ornaments and single hair adorned the mantel, and a big candy tree in the hall.

Children were the center of attention. The children surrounded the tree and opened their gifts.

Games were played and Christmas carols sung. Cynthia Ann Collins, Gary Clark and Simon Fifth were awarded prizes.

As the guests were served refreshments, soft music was played in the background.

Eastern TV Shows Are Moving West

By ROY THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, ARK.—An unusual lack of charity, the Hollywood Women's Press Club this week passed on the annual seal of the most uncooperative stars of the movies.

Why certain selections are made are often a mystery, even to some members of the club itself. This year the "winner" at the annual election was Esther Williams.

It's not hard to see why Robertson was chosen. He is an outspoke on Oklahoma who is from his home. One of his outposts is that a new star can have his career delayed in the past by permitting his name and face to be photographed in every magazine and newspaper.

He also believes there are certain phases of his life that are his own private property.

This is history to some of the club writers. They earn their living by telling all about the stars from their penning millions. When an actor comes up, it sets a bad precedent.

The selection of Esther is more mysterious. She is one of the darlings of the movie press corps. It usually has been true that any thing done with Esther; she even did publicity while expecting her third child. Some of the gals claim Esther is not so much about keeping her mouth shut. She is keeping her mouth shut. When she was selected most uncooperative before, she had a rebuttal. But it didn't seem to do any good.

A number of the eastern TV shows have been wandering westward for a broadcast or two from Hollywood. "Mister Peepers," was here recently and those expected to follow are "Howdy Doody," "Our Show of Shows" and Milton

U. S. Get Break in First Round of Davis Cup

By WILL GRIMBLE

MELBOURNE (AP)—The United States received a break today in the draw for the Davis Cup, the 110th annual tennis tournament, which opens here Monday.

The first singles match will pit Wimbledon Champion Vic Seixen of Philadelphia against Australian Lewis Hoad. U. S. Champion Tony Trabert of Cincinnati will meet Ken Rosewall in the second singles encounter.

"We couldn't have had had a better draw if we had arranged it ourselves," enthused Bill Talbot, captain of the U. S. team. "I am confident we will start off with two victories and put the pressure on the Australians."

Talbot went on record yesterday with the prediction "We will win the Davis Cup and I think it will be four matches to one."

Browns Are Favored Over Lions Sunday

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Browns were set for final drills today in preparation for the "big one" Sunday when the championship of the National Football League will be decided on the frozen turf of Briggs Stadium.

Will the Lions, defending champions and kings of the Western Division, carry Coach Bud Parker off the field in triumph? Or will the Cleveland club do all the happy rough-housing after the game?

The oddsmakers have installed Coach Paul Brown's powerful array of pigskin-toters as 5 point favorites. This was done mainly on the strength of the passing arm of Brown's quarterback Otto Graham, the line-backing of fullback Marion Motley and heavy Jaque and the place kicking of Lou (Pep) Toet Brown.

But Brown is not counting his Lions before they are skinned. The Detroit team has met Cleveland seven times in the past and six times the Lions walked off the field with victories, setting for a tie in the other meeting earlier this year.

"We played these guys once before this year remember, and we know they're tough," Brown says.

Here.

The reason for the migration is because many of the New York programs do not have as strong audience ratings on the Pacific Coast as they do in the East. For example, Arthur Godfrey has never had the impact on westerners that he has had on the other coast.

Starts Sunday at the Saenger



CYD CHARISSE and FRED ASTAIRE in a sparkling dance number from MGM's "THE BAND WAGON," in color by Technicolor.



DE-RIBBONED—Momentary triumph is enjoyed by Richard Carey, 19, right, of Mineral Springs, Wis., as Jess C. Andrews, left, president of the International Livestock Exposition, awards "Blackie" of the Purple Championship Ribbon as Junior Champion Steer of the show. Show officials later ruled that tests showed the Aberdeen Angus was over the 23-month age limit for entry. Carey's family says that the disqualification, first in the 84-year history of the show, will be appealed.

PRESCOTT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Webb entertained with a Christmas party at their home on Thursday evening for employees of Owens Store. The rooms were beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. Games were played and a gift exchange was held from the lighted Christmas tree.

At the close of a pleasant evening a dessert course was served. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Penney, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Morgan and Linda, Miss Margaret Brock and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy John Yeum and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pettit of Hope.

W. S. U. Has Service Program

Nine members of the W. M. U. of the First Presbyterian Church met on Monday afternoon at the church for the monthly Royal Service program.

Mrs. Roy Stanton, president, conducted a brief business meeting at which time it was voted to meet on the first and third Mondays in place of Wednesday evenings.

Circle 3 had change of the program with Mrs. Loyce Anderson, leader. Her topic was "The Gift of God's Love" and was opened with the song "Joy to the World" followed with prayer by Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Lewis Garrett each showed in the devotional telling of the fulfillment and prophecy of God followed with the song "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story."

Discussions were given by Mrs. H. W. Butler, Mrs. Orville Rains, Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Willis.

The meeting closed with the song "I Gave My Life for Thee" and prayer by Mrs. Thomas Buchanan.

Kiwanians Have Christmas Dinner

Kiwanians and "Their Ladies" enjoyed a Christmas dinner on Monday evening at the Broadway Hotel.

Members were greeted with Christmas music by Mrs. Lora Johnson.

The speakers table was centered with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus standing under a white arch decorated with red ornaments and flanked with white candles. Stylized Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer pranced up and down the table. Other tables held decorations of miniatures Christmas trees and nandina berries.

Santa Claus boutonniere marked the covers for 44.

Mark Justus, president of the club, served as toast master. The

France Has No Democracy, Just Paralysis

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—What is happening in France is not democracy but paralysis. And Secretary of State Dulles has just stuck another needle into the patient to see if somehow he can make him jump.

Once more he has told the French that unless they join a single European army quickly the country may have to revise its plans for the defense of Europe.

Whether Dulles' needle is made of steel or rubber only top American officials know. One thing is certain: this country would have to think hard before making any drastic changes in its European defense thinking.

The French are divided into many political factions that since last Thursday their Parliament in ballot after ballot has been unable to agree on a president.

This failure symbolizes better than anything that has happened in the past two years the inability of the French to make up their minds about joining a single European army with West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

It was the French themselves who two years ago suggested such an army—called the European Defense Community (EDC)—and 12 months ago they signed an agreement to join it.

But they couldn't actually join until their Parliament approved. In 18 months it hasn't done so. Again the factions get in the way.

No one faction had enough votes to put France in EDC or decide to keep it out.

This French delay has paralyzed EDC. It still is only a paper army. Without France, there can be no EDC. Yet this country considers an EDC army vital for the defense of Europe against possible attack by Russia.

If EDC became a reality France, West Germany and the other four nations would put their troops in it. They would all wear the same uniform, be under a unified command, act as a single army.

One of the main ideas behind EDC: With French and German troops in a single army, neither would be able to build individual armies to make war on each other. Germany's contribution to EDC would be 300,000 troops.

Main reason for French delay in approving EDC: Germany presently is unarmed. France fears seeing her rearm at all, even to a limited extent in an army side by side with French troops.

This country has six divisions in Europe. The French want assurance, because of their fear of a rearm Germany, that the United States will keep troops there. They've been given verbal assurances but not binding ones. American help and planning have been pinned on EDC.

Right after taking office last January Dulles told the French they had staid long enough, that if they delayed much longer this country would have to re-examine its plans. Nothing happened.

On Dec. 14 in Paris he told the French again and hurt their feelings. Brutal, some of them said yesterday, in a speech here, he repeated the prodding.

He didn't bud an inch before and may not bud them now. They know this country considers the defense of Europe necessary for American defense and that any change this country makes in its plans isn't likely to come overnight.

American planners consider France necessary to EDC. If France doesn't join, what then? This country might try somehow to let the Germans rearm. That would cause more problems, more delay.

And if Dulles is thinking of anything like that, he hasn't explained how it could be done. France, the United States and 12 other countries are members of NATO—the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—in which they all pledge to come to one another's aid in case of attack.

Suppose this country wanted to let Germany rearm and join NATO. France could block that, because under the NATO agreement no new nation can join up unless the present members agree unanimously.

The United States, Britain and France have troops in Germany. In spite of the peace contract signed with Germany May 26, 1952, those three countries still, in effect, occupy it. France, as an occupying power, would have something to say if the United States wanted Germany to rearm without joining NATO.

Mr. Robert Rouse of Miami, Fla., has joined Mrs. Rouse and their daughter, Doreen, for a visit with Mrs. Ethel Helton and other relatives.

Bill Teeter of Conway is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teeter.

Donald Webb, student at Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Webb.

Billy Tanner and David Webb have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Fuchs and Bob in El Dorado. Johnny White Davis accompanied them home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Davis.

Mr. Emmet Parham and children of Camden were the Monday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gordon.

Min Bertha Gray is spending the holidays in Ozan with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Coleman have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Parks of Little Rock and Mr. and Mrs. Granville Coleman and daughter of Memphis.

J. T. Worthington was a Monday business visitors in Memphis.

Mrs. Joe T. Smith and Miss Julia Smith of Arkadelphia visited friends Tuesday.

Pane Hambricht of Hermosillo Mexico is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hambricht.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mitchell have as their guests their daughter, Miss Catherine Jane Mitchell of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and Miss Martha Ann Mitchell, Stu

News of the CHURCHES

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
West 2nd and Pine
V. D. Keelcy, Pastor

9:45 a. m. Church School
10:35 Morning Worship
Solo: "Hold Thou My Hand."
Miss Anita Copeland, Sermon
"What's the Big Idea?" Billy Gentry, Ministerial student, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.
Sunday Dec. 27, 1953 is "Student Recognition Day" and all College students will be our honored guests at the morning worship service.

Senior and Intermediate MYF groups will meet at 5:30 p. m. Evening worship: 7:00 p. m. Sermon: "A Nation Forgot God," Minister.

The Adult Choir will not practice this week.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1953:
8 p. m. The Galloway Sub-District MYF will have a "Watch-night" service in this church, closing with the Holy Communion Service at midnight. Ed. Ed Dunlap, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Nashville, Arkansas will bring the "Communion Meditation."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
East Second Street
Rev. L. T. Lawrence, D. D., Minister

The Men's Bible Class will meet in the Parish House at 9:30 a. m. for doughnuts and coffee; the class at 10 will be taught by Haskel Jones.

10:00 a. m. — Sunday School Supt.: James H. Miller.
Morning worship 10:55 a. m. Church Builders' Day will be observed. The Minister will speak briefly on "A Guided Tour of the New Building," explaining the functions of the various parts of the new church. The Building Committee will present Church Builders' Recognition Cards to those who contributions have made the new building possible.

Antem: "The Christian Glory Song."
Vesper Service 5 p. m. Christian Student Night, with Tony Boyett presiding. The entire service will be presented by young people who are home from college.

Y. Y. F. will meet in the Parish House at 6 p. m. Supper will be served. Janet McKenzie will have charge of the program.
No choir practice Monday night. No midweek service Wednesday night.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. Chas. T. Chambers Jr., Pastor

St. John Evangelist.
10 a. m. Sunday School
7:30 p. m. — Evening prayer and sermon.

Monday
10 a. m. — Holy Communion. (Holy Innocents)

HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
321 North Main Street
O. M. Montgomery, Pastor.

9:45 a. m. — Sunday School, Guy E. Basye, Supt.

10:00 a. m. — Radio Bible Class, Broadcast over KXAR, O. M. Montgomery, Teacher.

11:00 a. m. — Morning Worship Sermon by Rev. Gordon S. Kling of Sandstone, Minnesota.

6:30 p. m. — Christ Ambassador Service, Bill Morton, Pres.
7 p. m. — Evangelistic Service Sermon by Rev. Gordon S. Kling of Sandstone, Minnesota.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m. Mid-week service.
Thursday:
2:15 p. m. Ladies Preyer Service.
A welcome awaits you at all services.

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
South Elm Street
Pastor, Howard White
Sunday School 10 a. m. — Ansley Gilbert, Supt.

Morning worship 11 a. m. B. T. S. — 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship — 7:30 p. m. Monday

2 p. m. — Senior Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Barney Gaines, Pres.
7 p. m. — Willing Workers Aux.iliary Mrs. Norvell, Pres.

Wednesday:
6:30 p. m. G. M. A.
7:15 p. m. — Teachers Meeting
8:00 p. m. — Prayer Service
Thursday
Visitation hour — 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Edmund Pendleton, Minister
9:45 — Bible School, Thomas Fenwick, Jr. Supt.

10:50 a. m. — Morning worship.
"Hope Springs Eternal" by the 6:30 Christian Youth Fellowship
7:00 p. m. — Evening worship, "Evangelism."

The only meeting in the church this week after the Sunday services will be a Christian Youth Fellowship Watch Party Thursday night, December 31, 1953.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Fifth and Pine Streets
Sunday
9:45 a. m. — Sunday School. J. D. Bullock, Supt.

10 a. m. — Morning worship. Sermon by Rev. Leroy Land.
6:30 p. m. — N. Y. P. S.
7:30 p. m. — Evening worship.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m. — Prayer Meeting.

Sunday School Lesson

We may well ask the meaning of the first petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come." What is the Kingdom of God? And just what does Jesus intend by that petition in the Prayer?

He said, "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17)

The Negro Community

By Helen Turner

Phone 7-5550

Or bring items to Miss Turner at Hicks Funeral Home

BEEBEE MEMORIAL C. M. E. Rev. T. J. Rhone, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. Morning Worship
6 p. m. Epworth League
8 p. m. Evening Worship

MT. ZION CME CHURCH
Rev. I. M. Manning, Pastor
11 a. m. Morning Worship
6 p. m. Y. P. W. W.
8 p. m. Evening worship

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH
Rev. G. P. Shal, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Morning Worship
6 p. m. A. C. E. L.
8 p. m. Evening Worship

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Eld. O. N. Dennis, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. morning worship.
6:00 p. m. Epworth League
8 p. m. Evening Worship

LONOKE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. F. K. Powell, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. Morning Worship.
6 p. m. B. T. U.
8 p. m. Evening Worship

RISEING STAR BAPTIST
Rev. W. M. Erby, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. morning worship.
6:00 p. m. B. T. U.
8 p. m. Evening Worship

GARRETT CHAPEL BAPTIST
Rev. F. R. Williams, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. Morning Worship
6 p. m. B. T. U.
8:30 p. m. Baptist Hour Station KXAR

and "The kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). Why, then, should we pray for the coming of a Kingdom already here?

The meaning, I think is plain, and it is made clear by the immediately following and interpretative petition: "Thy will be done in earth, as is in heaven."

"Kingdom" has two meanings or implications. In the one meaning it refers to the outward organization of power and authority over a certain area — earthly kingdoms.

In the other meaning, "Kingdom" refers to rule of the kindly authority over the hearts and lives of its subjects. The kingdom, which is outward power is also inward rule.

So, when Jesus said "The Kingdom of God is within you," the Greek words of the New Testament have been interpreted with two possible meanings either, "The Kingdom of God is in your midst," or "The Kingdom of God is in your hearts and inner lives." Possibly both meanings are warranted.

In earthly kingdoms not all subjects have been loyal. Some have been rebellious and when one thinks of the Kingdom of God in relation to a world so largely godless to pray for the coming of God's Kingdom is the most natural prayer that a Christian could make. "The Kingdoms of the world, become the Kingdom of our Lord and of the Christ."

Moreover that prayer links the one who makes the petition with that sublime hope and with that sublime event. For the individual the prayer has its richest meaning in what some petitioner, known to me, has suggested it should be: "Lord let Thy Kingdom come, and let it begin in me."

What will the fulness of the coming of that Kingdom mean? The poet Tennyson in the concluding stanza of his long poem, In Memoriam, wrote of "one far-off divine event, to which the whole creation moves."

What is that divine event, and how has it variously been conceived? Some see in it a second coming of Jesus Christ. Formerly the second coming has been much associated with the conception of a millennium, the rule of Christ on earth for a thousand years.

The reference is to Revelations 20:7. But many Christians who hold this pre-millennial view find support for it in other passages in the New Testament, and in the evident hope of the second coming among early Christians.

One cannot enter here into such much-disputed matters. Increasingly I am inclined to think there is questioning concerning the future destiny of this world. There is a tendency to see the consummation of the "far-off divine event" in some heavenly consummation. But these things are in hands of God and human speculation can have little effect upon them. The practical conclusion is for today exactly what the Apostle Peter declared it to be ages ago (See II Peter 3:11).

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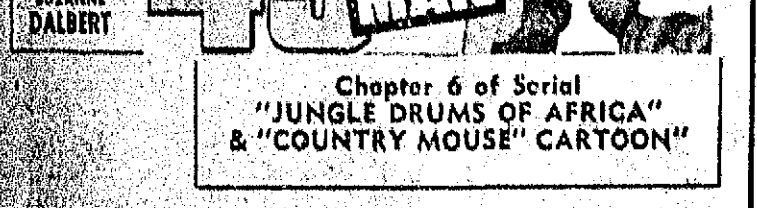
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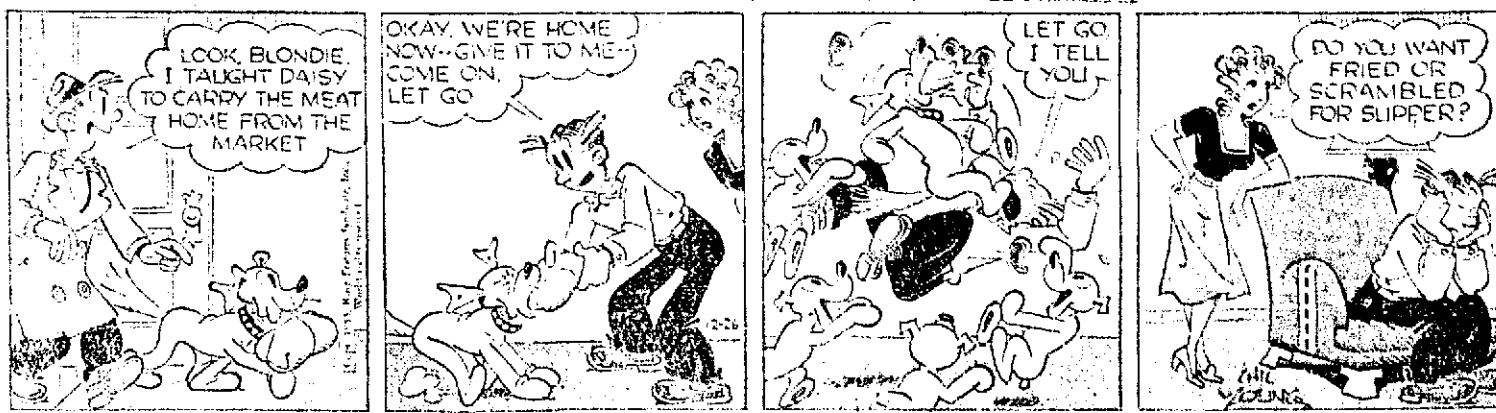
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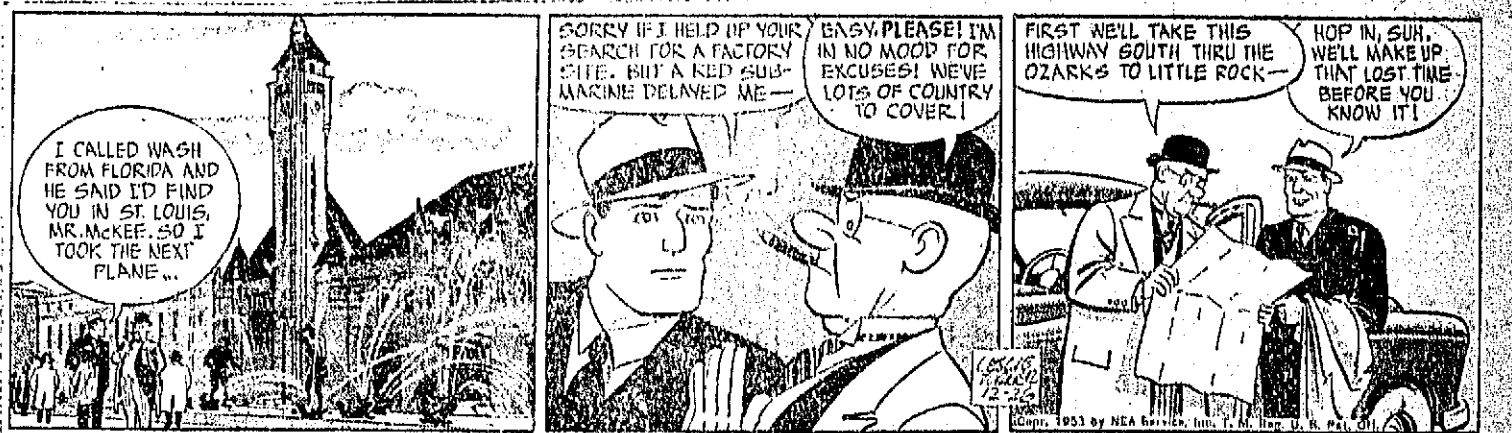
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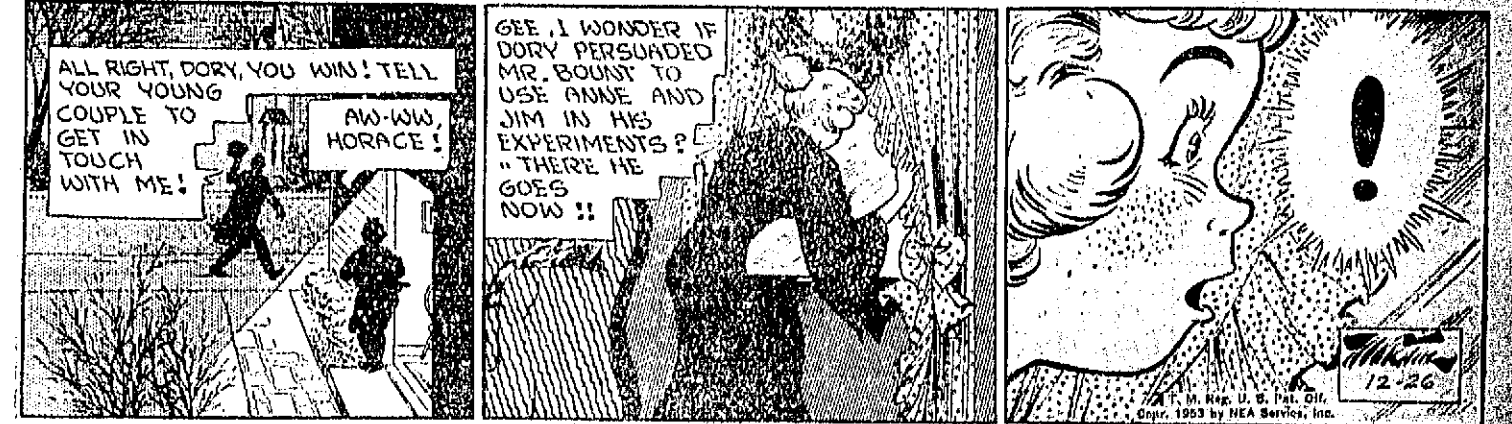
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Danish Dilemma

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

- Denmark exports more than any other country
- The Skagerrak separates it from
- Everlasting (poet.)
- Idolizes
- Pestered
- Take heed!
- Onager
- Kind of tide
- Payable on receipt (ab.)
- Platters
- River
- Repudiated
- Shackles
- Taut
- Send in payment
- Canvas shelters
- Closed
- Parts of poems
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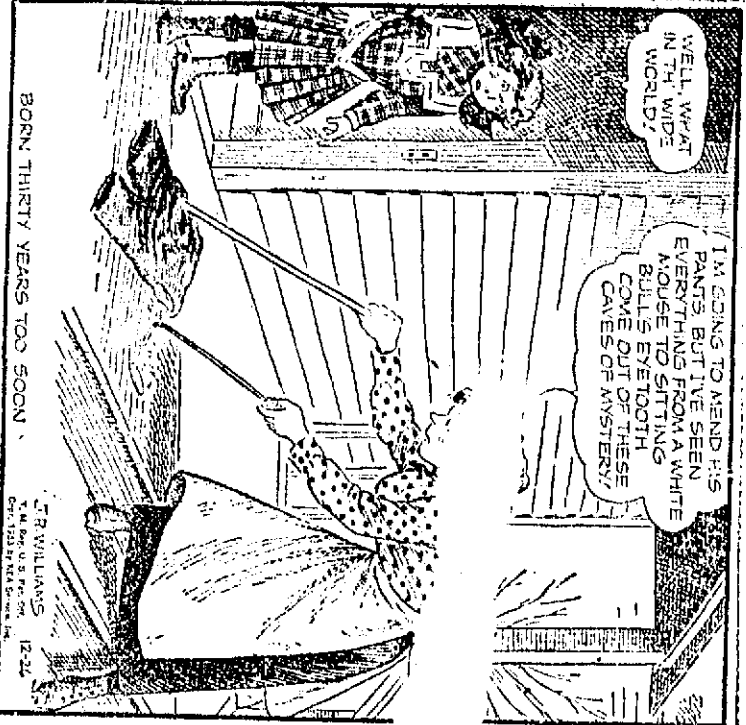
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- Greek letter
- Shoshonean Indians
- Afternoon social events
- Transposes (ab.)
- Compass point
- Ransom
- Grabbed (coll.)
- Poem
- Tier
- Intold
- Go by aircraft
- Belgian river
- Board (ab.)
- Infirm
- Pacific island
- Plax cooker
- Scuffs
- Titles of courtesy
- Large plant
- Italy's Rome
- Hostelries
- Italian city
- Stone layer (Scol.)
- Mended
- Chaste
- Direction (ab.)
- Pewter coins
- Age
- Part of the mouth
- Kidney (comb. form)
- Stagger
- Sea eagles
- Companion
- High card
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By Dick Turner

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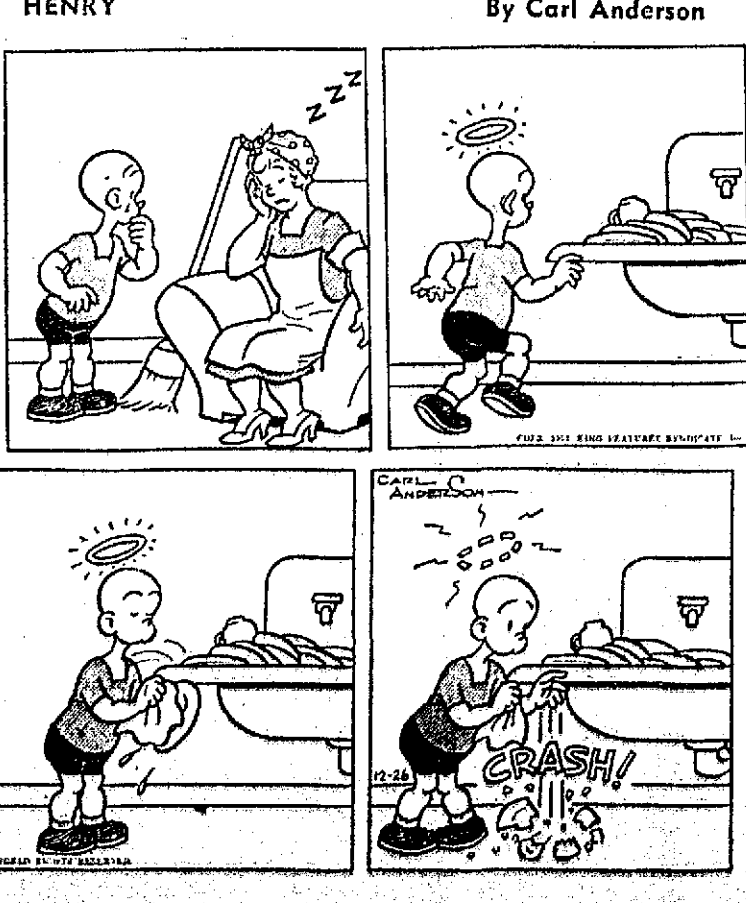
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